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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Dear Sir:

The Applicant submits the following summary of the telephone interview that took place June 24, 2004 between the undersigned representative of the Applicant and the Examiner.

Telephone Conference:

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the many courtesies extended to the undersigned representative of the Applicant during the telephone interview that took place June 24, 2004.

Among the issues discussed during that interview was the appropriateness of the finality of the Office action mailed April 20, 2004, as well as the appropriateness of using the disclosure of U.S. Patent 6,227,682 in support of the obviousness-type double patenting rejections in the above-mentioned Office action.

The Examiner agreed to consult with her supervisor as to whether the finality of the above-mentioned Office action ought to be withdrawn in view of the RCE filed March 29, 2004. The Examiner later informed the undersigned representative of the applicant in a voice-mail message that the finality of the Office action would be withdrawn after June 28, 2004, since this is the end of a quarter.

The undersigned representative of the applicant urged the Examiner to review

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the prohibition against using the patent principally underlying the double-patenting rejection as prior art at M.P.E.P. § 804(II)(B)(1). No resolution was reached on this issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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